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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE RETURN OF MAX DOMINIQUE

1. IN MEETING JULY 18 BETWEEN DEPTOFF AND I. IRVING
DAVIDSON, WASHINGTON PR MAN, AND WHICH UNEXPECTEDLY INCLUDED
FRITZ AND MAX DOMINIQUE, LATTER MADE FOLLOWING POINTS:

(1) HE HAS BEEN RECENTLY OFFERED BY "PALACE" AND HAS
REJECTED FOREIGN MINISTER AND INTERIOR DEFENSE PORTFOLIOS
IN GOH CABINET; (2) HE IS CONSIDERING ACCEPTING A TO-BE-
CREATED POSITION OF MINISTER TO THE PRESIDENT IN WHICH HE
WOULD HAVE WIDE RESPONSIBILITY AND AUTHORITY ("A COMBINED
KISSINGER-LAIRD TYPE JOB", IN DAVIDSON'S WORDS); (3) HE MAY
BE RETURNING TO PORT AU PRINCE WITHIN NEXT WEEK AS HE IS
BEING URGED TO DO BY HIS WIFE, MADAME DUVALIER AND PRESIDENT
DUVALIER; (4) INDICATED HE WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE FROM
DEPARTMENT INFORMAL "GUIDANCE" WHICH MIGHT ASSIST HIM IN
ORDERING PRIORITIES SHOULD HE ACCEPT THE MINISTER TO THE
PRESIDENT POSITION; AND (5) THAT HE IS A FIRM FRIEND OF THE
UNITED STATES. HE SAID THAT SHOULD HE ACCEPT THE OFFER AND
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SHOULD JEAN-CLAUDE BE UNABLE OR UNWILLING TO IMPLEMENT REC-

COMMENDATIONS HE MIGHT MAKE, HE WOULD LIKE TO RETURN TO WASHINGTON WHERE HE WOULD RESUME HIS PRIVATE LIFE. DOMINIQUE SAID HIS REQUEST FOR "GUIDANCE" RELATES TO HIS DESIRE TO CARRY OUT CHANGES OR REFORMS OF GOH ECONOMIC AND FISCAL PROGRAMS.

AT TIMES HE MENTIONED NEED FOR AN "ECONOMIC PLAN", FOR A PLANNING COMMISSION AND FOR A REFORM OF REGIE DU TABAC.

2. DEPTOFF RESPONDED THAT IT WOULD BE PRESUMPTUOUS AND NOT APPROPRIATE FOR DEPARTMENT, INFORMALLY OR OTHERWISE, TO GIVE DOMINIQUE "GUIDANCE" AND THAT ANY NUMBER OF "PLANS" WERE UNDOUBTEDLY AVAILABLE WHICH HE COULD OBTAIN FROM GOH SOURCES. DOMINIQUE NEVERTHELESS SAID HE WOULD APPRECIATE OUR ASSISTANCE.

3. OTHER POINTS MADE BY DOMINIQUE: HE WAS NOT FORCED TO LEAVE HAITI IN MID-1971 BUT LEFT AT A TIME OF HIS OWN CHOOSING: HE HAS A COPY OF A LETTER SENT BY CAMBRONNE TO THE PALACE ALLEGING HIS INVOLVEMENT AND THAT OF DAVIDSON IN HAITIAN EXILE ACTIVITIES BEING CARRIED OUT BY MAGLOIRE (HE DENIED SUCH INVOLVEMENT IN EXILE ACTIVITIES); THAT THE PALACE LAST WEEK INSTRUCTED HAITIAN TELEPHONE COMPANY NOT TO ACCEPT CAMBRONNE'S CALLS TO PALACE; AND THAT MAME DUVALIER HAS NOW ADMITTED TO DIDI AND TO THE PRESIDENT THAT SHE HAD BEEN WRONG IN SUPPORTING AND DEFENDING CAMBRONNE. DAVIDSON SUBSEQUENTLY ADDED THAT THE CAMBRONNE LETTER ALLEGING DAVIDSON'S INVOLVEMENT WITH MAGLOIRE EXILE ACTIVITIES EXPLAINED IN HIS MIND THE BRUSQUE TREATMENT HE RECEIVED DURING HIS UNEXPECTEDLY BRIEF VISIT TO HAITI IN EARLY JUNE.

4. DAVIDSON INDICATED HE WOULD INFORM DEPARTMENT RE ANY SPECIFIC TRAVEL MAX DOMINIQUE MAY UNDERTAKE.

5. DAVIDSON IN CALL ON DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY SHLAUDEMAN ON JULY 13 MADE ESSENTIALLY SAME POINTS COVERED BY DOMINIQUE AND HIMSELF AT JULY 18 MEETING.

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